AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-65   (Canceled)

66. (Currently Amended)   An information presentation system comprising:

a playback device;

a management device; and

a terminal device, wherein

said terminal device is a different entity from said playback device,

said playback device plays back a content, obtains (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by said playback device, and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, and transmits the content identifier and the rental information to ~~said~~ the management device, and

the management device including:

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an update unit operable to

(i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the

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received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an output unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device, and

~~said management device receives and stores the content identifier therein, generates presentation information using the content identifier stored therein in response to a request from said terminal device, and outputs the presentation information, and~~

~~said~~ the terminal device makes the request to ~~said~~ the management device to generate the presentation information, obtains the presentation information from said management device, and ~~displays~~ presents the presentation information.

67. (Currently Amended)   A management device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the management device comprising:

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content~~back~~;

an update unit operable to

(i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental

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content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

~~a storage unit operable to store the content identifier received by said receiving unit;~~

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information ~~stored in said storage unit~~ in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device.

68. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim 67, wherein

said generation unit includes:

an information storage unit operable to store therein a plurality of content identifiers in association with attribute information related to the plurality of content identifiers respectively identifying a plurality of content and the attribute information indicating attributes for corresponding content; and

an information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information, in response to the request from the terminal device, using (i), from among the stored attribute information, attribute information which corresponds to the stored content identifier, (ii) the stored ~~the~~ content identifier and (iii) the stored rental information ~~in said storage unit and attribute information among a plurality of attribute information corresponding to the content identifier stored in said storage unit.~~

69. (Currently Amended)   The management device of Claim 68, wherein

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said information generating unit includes:

an attribute-information extraction unit operable to extract the attribute information corresponding to the <u>stored</u> content identifier stored in the storage unit from among a plurality of attribute information;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library information <u>including</u> ~~in which~~ the extracted attribute information<u>, the stored</u> ~~is associated with the~~ content identifier <u>and the stored rental information</u>~~received by said receiving unit~~; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using the library information written to said storage unit.

70. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim <u>69</u>~~68~~, wherein

the attribute information stored in said information storage unit are grouped under a plurality of categories,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and

said information generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier <u>and rental information</u> corresponding to the attribute information.

71. (Currently Amendment)   The management device of claim <u>69</u>~~70~~, wherein

said receiving unit further receives a user identifier that identifies a user who played back the <u>new</u> content, together with the reception of the <u>new</u> content <u>identifier and the new rental information</u>~~identifier~~,

said storage unit stores one or more library list information, each library list information including a user identifier in association with one or more library information,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information based on the library list information corresponding to the particular user identifier, the library list information being library list information stored in said storage unit.

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72. (Currently Amended)   the management device of claim 67, wherein

said receiving unit further receives a user identifier identifying a user who played back the new content, together with the reception of the new content identifier and the new rental information~~identifier~~,

the storage unit stores therein the ~~received~~ content identifier and the rental information in association with ~~the received~~a user identifier,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information based on a content identifier and rental information stored in association with the particular user identifier.

73. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim 67, wherein

said generation unit includes:

an attribute-information acquiring unit operable to acquire, from another device, attribute information indicating attributes of a content identified by the received new content identifier;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library information ~~in which~~including the acquired attribute information, the received new content ~~is associated with the~~ content identifier and the received new rental information ~~received by the receiving unit~~; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using library information written to said storage unit.

74. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim 73, wherein the management device is a portable recording medium connectable to the playback device and to the terminal device, wherein

said receiving unit receives the new content identifier and the new rental information when the management device is connected to the playback device, and

said outputting unit outputs the presentation information when the management device is connected to the terminal device.

75. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim 73, wherein

attribute information stored in said storage unit is grouped under a plurality of categories,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and

said generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information

belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier corresponding to

attribute <u>information and rental</u> information.

76. (Previously Presented)   the management device of claim 67, wherein

the request from the terminal device includes a particular content identifier, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating whether the

particular content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

77. (Previously Presented)   The management device of claim 76, wherein

the request from the terminal device includes a plurality of content identifiers, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating, for each of the

content identifiers, whether the content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

78. (Currently Amended)   The management device of claim 67, wherein

said generation unit includes:

a password storage unit operable to store therein a first password;

a password receiving unit operable to receive a second password from the terminal

device, and wherein

a presentation-information generating unit judges whether the first password matches the

second password, and when judging affirmatively, generates the presentation information using

the content identifier <u>and the rental information</u> stored in said storage unit in response to the

request from the terminal device.

79. (Currently Amended)   A terminal device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a management device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the terminal device comprising:

an input-receiving unit operable to receive an input from an external source;

a presentation-information acquiring unit operable to acquire, according to a received input from the management device storing therein (i) a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back by the playback device and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content~~device~~, presentation information that is generated using the content identifier and the rental information~~identifier~~; and

a presentation unit operable to display the acquired presentation information.

80. (Previously Presented)   The terminal device of claim 79, further comprising:

an identifier-acquiring unit operable to acquire a particular content identifier that identifies a particular content, wherein

said presentation-information acquiring unit requests and acquires, from the management device, the presentation information indicating whether the acquired particular content identifier is stored in the management device.

81. (Previously Presented)   The terminal device of claim 80, wherein

said input-receiving unit further receives input of a plurality of content identifiers,

said presentation-information acquiring unit further requests and acquires the presentation information indicating, for each of the content identifiers, whether the content identifier is stored in the management device, and

said presentation unit further displays the presentation information in which content identifiers stored in the management device are shown in a distinguishable form from content identifiers not stored in the management device.

82. (Currently Amended)   the terminal device of claim 79, wherein

said input-receiving unit receives an input of a particular one of a plurality of categories under which attributes of contents are grouped,

said presentation-information acquiring unit requests the presentation information by transmitting the particular category to the management device,

the management device stores a plurality of categories indicating a plurality for attributes for a plurality of content in association with content identifiers respectively identifying the content, and

said presentation unit presents the presentation information which is generated using (i) attribute information corresponding to the content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback device and belonging to the particular one of the categories and (ii) the rental information~~categories~~.

83. (Currently Amended)   The terminal device of claim 79, wherein

the management device stores user identifiers identifying a plurality of users in association with content identifiers identifying content having been played back by the user and rental information that shows whether or not the contents having been played back by the users are rental contents~~users~~, and

said presentation-information acquiring unit transmits a particular user identifier that identifies a particular user to the management device, and acquires the presentation information generated using a content identifier and the rental information associated with the particular user identifier.

84. (Currently Amended)   A management method used in a management device that is included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been played backed in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, the management method comprising:

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a receiving step of receiving, from the playback device (i) a new ~~a~~ content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content; ~~played back, from the playback device via a receiving unit~~;

an update step of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

~~a storage step of storing the received content identifier via a storage unit~~;

a generation step of generating presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information ~~in the storage unit~~ in response to a request from the terminal device ~~via a generation unit~~; and

an outputting step of outputting the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

85. (Currently Amended)   A computer-readable recording medium on which a management program is stored, the management program being for use in a management device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been

played back by the playback device in association with rental information the shows whether the content is a rental content or not, ~~device,~~ and the management program causing a computer to perform the following:

a received step of receiving, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier, that identifies a new content having newly been played back, from the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;~~via a receiving unit;~~

an update step of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

~~a storage step of storing the received content identifier via a storage unit;~~

a generation step of generating presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information ~~stored~~ in the storage unit in response to a request from the terminal device ~~via a generation unit;~~ and

an outputting step of outputting the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

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86. (New) A playback device that makes up an information presentation system together with a terminal device and a management device, the playback device being a different entity from the terminal device, and the playback device comprising:

a playback unit operable to play back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring unit operable, when the content is played back, to acquire, from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the play back content; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content; and

a transmission unit operable to transmit, to the management device, the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information.